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FOR: HAKIM AND ILA

SUBJECT: NUCLEAR ENERGY SEMINAR

- 1. NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAM BRASILIA/RIO COMPLETE SUCCESS. BRASILIA HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED CALLS ON MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY, SECRETARY GENERAL MINISTRY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, LUNCHEON WITH TOP-LEVEL BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY DECISION MAKERS AND LEGISLATORS, IN RIO AEC GROUP GAVE ONE DAY SEMINAR FOR APPROXIMATELY 60 INVITED PARTICIPANTS AT BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION (CNEN), FOLLOWED NEXT DAY WITH PRIVATE MEETING WITH TOP OFFIFICALS OF CNEN, ELECTROBRAS AND BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY (CBTN), PRESS CONFERENCE AND FINALLY PRIVATE SESSION WITH OFFICIALS OF FURNAS, THE POWER UTILITY COMPANY CHARGED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF WESTINGHOUSE REACTOR.
- 2. MOST EFFECTIVE SESSIONS WERE PRIVATE MEETINGS ON WEDNESDAY WITH OFFICIALS FROM CNEN, CBTN AND FURNAS. BRAZILIAN PARTICIPANTS STATE THEY WERE VERY PLEASED WITH OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR POINT OF VIEW ON UNCLASSIFIED

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VARIETY OF TOPICS, PARTICULARLY NEED FOR GREATER

COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND BRAZIL, AND GENERAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS. THEME OF CNEN/CBTN SESSION WAS NEED FOR SYSTEMATIZED EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION. AEC GROUP WILL FOLLOW UP ON REQUEST. AT FURNAS SESSION THE QUESTION OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT CONTRACTS WAS DISCUSSED, BUT MEETING WAS RELATIVELY LOW-KEYED, AS WERE ALL OTHER SESSIONS.

- 3. SEPTEL TO DEPT. ON MORE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF PROGRAM.
- 4. AEC GROUP MOST COOPERATIVE, EASY TO PROGRAM, LEFT LASTING GOOD IMPRESSION. THEIR HIGH INTELLECTUAL QUALITY AND THOROUGH PROFESSIONAL APPROACH WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN MEETING THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS PROJECT. AEC VISIT CAME AT PROPITIOUS TIME WHEN BRAZIL DESIRED CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF AEC POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES.
- 5. OM FOLLOWS WITH DETAILS. TUCH

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